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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCES

REF: BEIRUT 6292 (NOTAL)

1. DURING BRIEF CALL JUNE 8 ON UNRWA COMGEN RENNIE AND DEP COMGEN MCELHINEY, EMBOFFS INFORMED THAT UNRWA HAS RECEIVED PRELIMINARY JORDANIAN REACTION TO AGENCY'S RECENT NOTIFICATION TO ARAB HOST GOVTS THAT, BARRING IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT UNRWA FINANCIAL SITUATION, COMGEN WOULD BE COMPELLED MAKE CUTS IN PROGRAMS RELATIVE T RATIONS AND PREPARATORY CYCLE EDUCATION. GOJ RESPONSE DESCRIBED AS PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE AND "SHARP". RENNIE EXPECTS RECEIVE SYRIAN AND OTHER REACTIONS IN SIMILAR VEIN SHORTLYM

2. WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY SHOULD BE ADVISED EXPECT QUESTION OF CUTBACKS AND/OR ADDITIONAL FUNDING UNRWA WILL BE RAISED DURING AMMAN AND, POSSIBLY, DAMASCUS VISITS. HOST GOVTS, WHICH CONCERNED WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CREATED BY PROGRAM CUTS, LIKELY TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR US SOLUTION

TO FUNDING DIFFICULTIES AND ACCENTUATE POSSIBLE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS
ON US PEACE EFFORTS.
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